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**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**OAKLAND DIVISION**

**IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)  
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

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The Honorable Jon S. Tigar

**ALL INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS**

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1 Anthony Giasasca (“Plaintiff”) and the Estate of the late Barbara Caldwell (collectively  
2 referred to as “Plaintiffs”), individually and on behalf of a Class of all those similarly situated in  
3 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bring this action for damages and injunctive relief under  
4 state and federal antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws against the  
5 Defendants named herein, demanding trial by jury, and complaining and alleging as follows:  
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8 **I. INTRODUCTION**

9 1. Plaintiffs bring this antitrust class action on behalf of individuals and entities that  
10 indirectly purchased Cathode Ray Tube Products (“CRT Products”) (as further defined below),  
11 in the United States from Defendants, their predecessors, any subsidiaries or affiliates thereof,  
12 or any of their named and unnamed co-conspirators, during the period beginning at least as early  
13 as March 1, 1995 until at least November 25, 2007 (the “Class Period”). Plaintiffs allege that  
14 during the Class Period the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of  
15 CRT Products sold in the United States. Because of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and  
16 other Class Members paid artificially inflated prices for CRT Products and have suffered antitrust  
17 injury to their business or property.  
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19 2. As further detailed below, beginning in at least 1995, Defendants Samsung, Philips,  
20 Daewoo, LG and Chunghwa met or talked with at least one other Defendant in order to discuss  
21 and agree upon CRT Product prices and the amount of CRT Products each would produce. Over  
22 time, these Defendants reached out to the other Defendant and co-conspirator CRT Product  
23 manufacturers, including Toshiba, Panasonic, Hitachi, BMCC, IRICO, Thomson, Mitsubishi,  
24 Thai CRT and Samtel, who then also met or talked with their competitors for the purpose of  
25 fixing the prices of CRT Products. By 1997, a formal system of multilateral and bilateral  
26 meetings was in place, involving the highest levels of the Defendant corporations, all with the  
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1 sole purpose of fixing the prices of CRT Products at supracompetitive levels.

2 3. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in moderating  
3 the normal downward pressure on prices for CRT Products caused by periods of oversupply and  
4 competition from new technologies, such as TFT-LCD and Plasma. Defendants' conspiracy  
5 resulted in unusually stable pricing and even rising prices in a very mature, declining market. As  
6 a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and Class members paid higher prices for  
7 CRT Products than they would have paid in a competitive market.  
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9 4. This global conspiracy is being investigated by the Antitrust Division of the  
10 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), and by several other international competition  
11 authorities. On February 10, 2009, a federal grand jury in San Francisco issued a two-count  
12 indictment against C.Y. Lin, the former Chairman and CEO of Defendant Chunghwa Picture  
13 Tubes, Ltd., for his participation in a global conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs used in computer  
14 monitors and televisions. This is the first indictment to be issued in the DOJ's ongoing  
15 investigation into the CRT industry.  
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## 17 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 5. This action is instituted under Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, to  
19 obtain injunctive relief for violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, to recover  
20 damages under state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws, and to recover  
21 costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiff and all others  
22 similarly situated sustained as a result of the Defendants' violations of those laws.  
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24 6. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal claim under 28 U.S.C. §§  
25 1331 and 1337. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28  
26 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim that they form part of the  
27 same case or controversy.  
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1           7.       This court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant  
2 to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, which amended 28 U.S.C § 1332 to add a new  
3 subsection (d) conferring federal jurisdiction over class actions where, as here, “any member of  
4 a class of Plaintiff is a citizen of a state different from any Defendant and the aggregated amount  
5 in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.” This Court also has  
6 jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because “one or more members of the class is a citizen  
7 of a state within the United States and one or more of the Defendants is a citizen or subject of a  
8 foreign state.”

10           8.       Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 12 of the Clayton Act  
11 (15 U.S.C. § 22) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b), (c) and (d), because during the Class Period one or  
12 more of the Defendants resided, transacted business, was found, or had agents in, this district,  
13 and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiff’s claims occurred in this  
14 district, and a substantial portion of the affected portion of the interstate trade and commerce  
15 described below has been carried out in this district.

17           9.       Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including this  
18 jurisdiction, and they have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of the United States,  
19 including specifically the laws of the state of California and the individual states listed herein.  
20 Defendants’ products are sold in the flow of interstate commerce, and Defendants’ activities had  
21 a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect on such commerce.

23           10.       Defendants’ conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products substantially affected  
24 commerce throughout the United States and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts because  
25 Defendants directly or through their agents, engaged in activities affecting each such state.  
26 Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of each of the states identified  
27 herein in connection with their activities relating to the production, marketing, and sale and/or  
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1 distribution of CRT Products. Defendants produced, promoted, sold, marketed, and/or  
2 distributed CRT Products, thereby purposefully profiting from access to indirect purchaser  
3 consumers in each such state. As a result of the activities herein, Defendants:

4 a. Caused damage to the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

5 b. Caused damage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by acts or  
6 omissions committed outside the Commonwealth by regularly doing or soliciting in the  
7 Commonwealth;  
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9 c. Engaged in a persistent course of conduct within the Commonwealth of  
10 Massachusetts and/or derived substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products  
11 in the Commonwealth; and

12 d. Committed acts or omissions that they knew or should have known would  
13 cause damage (and, in fact, did cause damage) in each such state while regularly doing or  
14 soliciting business in each such state, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct in each  
15 such state, and/or deriving substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in  
16 each such state.  
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18 11. The conspiracy described herein adversely affected every person nationwide, and  
19 more particularly, consumers in the Commonwealth, who indirectly purchased Defendants' and  
20 their co-conspirators' CRT Products. Defendants' conspiracy has resulted in an adverse  
21 monetary effect on indirect purchasers in the Commonwealth.  
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23 12. Prices of CRT Products in Commonwealth of Massachusetts were raised to  
24 supracompetitive levels by the Defendants and their co-conspirators. Defendants knew that  
25 commerce in CRT Products in Commonwealth of Massachusetts would be adversely affected by  
26 implementing their conspiracy.  
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1 **III. DEFINITIONS**

2 13. As used herein, the term “CRT” or “CRTs” stands for “cathode ray tube(s).” A  
3 CRT is a display technology used in televisions, computer monitors and other specialized  
4 applications. The CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with light sensitive  
5 phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams. When the  
6 electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue light. A  
7 system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams to  
8 produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce  
9 the desired images.  
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11 14. There are two types of CRTs: color display tubes (“CDTs”) which are used in  
12 computer monitors and other specialized applications; and color picture tubes (“CPTs”) which  
13 are used in televisions. CDTs and CPTs are collectively referred to herein as “cathode ray tubes”  
14 or “CRTs.”  
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16 15. As used herein “CRT Products” includes (a) CRTs; and (b) products containing  
17 CRTs, such as television sets and computer monitors.  
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19 16. The “Class Period” or “relevant period” means the period beginning at least March  
20 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

21 17. “Person” means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other  
22 business or legal entity.

23 18. “OEM” means any Original Equipment Manufacturer of CRT Products.  
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25 **IV. PLAINTIFFS**

26 19. Plaintiffs Anthony Giasasca and Barbara Caldwell are Massachusetts residents.  
27 During the relevant period, Mr. Giasasca and Mrs. Caldwell indirectly purchased CRT Products  
28 from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the

1 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint including the violations of Massachusetts General  
2 Laws 93A.

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4 **V. DEFENDANTS**

5 **LG Electronics Entities**

6 20. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Korea  
7 with its principal place of business located at LG Twin Towers, 20 Yeouido-dong,  
8 Yeoungdeungpo-gu, Seoul 150-721, South Korea. LG Electronics, Inc. is a \$48.5 billion global  
9 force in consumer electronics, home appliances and mobile communications, which established  
10 its first overseas branch office in New York in 1968. The company's name was changed from  
11 GoldStar Communications to LG Electronics, Inc. in 1995, the year in which it also acquired  
12 Zenith in the United States. In 2001, LG Electronics, Inc. transferred its CRT business to a  
13 50/50 CRT joint venture with Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal  
14 Philips Electronics N.V. forming Defendant LG. Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays  
15 International, Ltd.). During the Class Period, LG Electronics, Inc. manufactured, marketed, sold  
16 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
17 to customers throughout the United States.  
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20 21. Defendant LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. ("LGEUSA") is a Delaware corporation  
21 with its principal place of business located at 1000 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ  
22 07632. LG Electronics USA, Inc. is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of  
23 Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc.  
24 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
25 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
26 LG Electronics, Inc. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
27 LGEUSA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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1           22. Defendant LG Electronics Taiwan Taipei Co., Ltd. (“LGETT”) is a Taiwanese  
2 entity with its principal place of business located at 7F, No.47, Lane3, Jihu Road, NeiHu District,  
3 Taipei City, Taiwan. LGETT is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of  
4 Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LGETT manufactured, marketed,  
5 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or  
6 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc.  
7 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGETT relating to the  
8 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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10           23. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., LGEUSA, and LGETT are collectively  
11 referred to herein as “LG.”  
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13           **Philips Entities**

14           24. Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal Philips Electronics  
15 N.V. (“Royal Philips”) is a Dutch company with its principal place of business located at  
16 Amstelplein 2, Breitner Center, 1070 MX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Royal Philips, founded  
17 in 1891, is one of the world’s largest electronics companies, with 160,900 employees located in  
18 over 60 countries. Royal Philips had sole ownership of its CRT business until 2001. In 2001,  
19 Royal Philips transferred its CRT business to a 50/50 CRT joint venture with defendant LG  
20 Electronics, Inc. forming Defendant LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays International, Ltd.).  
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22           25. In December 2005, as a result of increased pressure on demand and prices for CRT  
23 Products, Royal Philips wrote off the remaining book value of 126 million Euros of its investment  
24 and said it would not inject further capital into the joint venture. During the Class Period, Royal  
25 Philips manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
26 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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28           26. Defendant Philips Electronics North America Corporation (“PENAC”) is a

1 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas,  
2 New York, NY 10020-1104. Philips Electronics NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary  
3 of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics NA manufactured,  
4 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
5 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips  
6 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of PENAC relating to the  
7 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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9 27. Defendant Philips Electronics Industries (Taiwan), Ltd. (“Philips Electronics  
10 Taiwan”) is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 15F 3-1 Yuanqu  
11 Street, Nangang District, Taipei, Taiwan. Philips Electronics Taiwan is a subsidiary of Defendant  
12 Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics Taiwan manufactured, marketed, sold  
13 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
14 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips dominated and  
15 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Electronics Taiwan relating to the  
16 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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18 28. Defendant Philips da Amazonia Industria Electronica Ltda. (“Philips Brazil”) is a  
19 Brazilian company with its principal place of business located at Av Torquato Tapajos 2236, 1  
20 andar (parte 1), Flores, Manaus, AM 39048-660, Brazil. Philips Brazil is a wholly-owned and  
21 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Brazil  
22 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
23 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal  
24 Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Brazil  
25 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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27 29. Defendants Royal Philips, PENAC, Philips Electronics Taiwan and Philips Brazil  
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are collectively referred to herein as “Philips.”

**LP Displays**

30. Defendant LP Displays International, Ltd. f/k/a LG.Philips Displays (“LPDisplays”) was created in 2001 as a 50/50 joint venture between Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips Electronics of The Netherlands. In March 2007, LP Displays became an independent company organized under the laws of Hong Kong with its principal place of business located at Corporate Communications, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, ING Tower, 308 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. LP Displays is a leading supplier of CRTs for use in television sets and computer monitors with annual sales for 2006 of over \$2 billion, and a market share of 27%. LP Displays announced in March 2007 that Royal Philips and LG Electronics would cede control over the company and the shares would be owned by financial institutions and private equity firms. During the Class Period, LP Displays manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

**Samsung Entities**

31. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (“SEC”) is South Korean company with its principal place of business located at Samsung Main Building, 250, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-742, South Korea. During the Class Period, SEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

32. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“SEAI”) is a New York corporation with its principal place of business located at 105 Challenger Road, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. SEAI is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of

1 Defendant SEC. During the Class Period, SEAI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed  
2 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
3 throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,  
4 policies, and affairs of SEAI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

5           33. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. f/k/a Samsung Display Device Co., Ltd.  
6 (“Samsung SDI”), is a South Korean company with its principal place of business located at 15<sup>th</sup>–  
7 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Samsung Life Insurance Building, 150, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, 100-716,  
8 South Korea. Samsung SDI is a public company. SEC is a major shareholder holding almost 20  
9 percent of the stock. Founded in 1970, Samsung SDI claims to be the world’s leading company  
10 in the display and energy businesses, with 28,000 employees and facilities in 18 countries. In  
11 2002, Samsung SDI held a 34.3% worldwide market share in the market for CRTs; more than  
12 another other producer. Samsung SDI has offices in Chicago and San Diego. During the Class  
13 Period, Samsung SDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either  
14 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United  
15 States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
16 Samsung SDI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

17           34. Defendant Samsung SDI America, Inc. (“Samsung SDI America”) is a California  
18 corporation with its principal place of business located at 3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 700,  
19 Irvine, California. Samsung SDI America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of  
20 Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI America manufactured, marketed, sold  
21 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
22 to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated  
23 and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI America relating to  
24 the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1           35. Defendant Samsung SDI Mexico S.A. de C.V. (“Samsung SDI Mexico”) is a  
2 Mexican company with its principal place of business located at Blvd. Los Olivos, No.21014,  
3 Parque Industrial El Florido, Tijuana, B.C. Mexico. Samsung SDI Mexico is a wholly owned and  
4 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Mexico  
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either directly or  
6 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States. Defendants SEC  
7 and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung  
8 SDI Mexico relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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10           36. Defendant Samsung SDI Brasil Ltda. (“Samsung SDI Brazil”) is a Brazilian  
11 company with its principal place of business located at Av. Eixo Norte Sul, S/N, Distrito  
12 Industrial, 69088-480 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Samsung SDI Brazil is a wholly owned and  
13 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Brazil  
14 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either directly or  
15 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States. Defendants SEC  
16 and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung  
17 SDI Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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19           37. Defendant Shenzhen Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Shenzhen”) is a  
20 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at Huanggang Bei Lu, FutianGu,  
21 Shenzhen, China. Samsung SDI Shenzhen is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of  
22 Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Shenzhen manufactured,  
23 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
24 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and  
25 Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung  
26 SDI Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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1           38. Defendant Tianjin Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Tianjin”) is a Chinese  
2 company with its principal place of business located at Developing Zone of Yi-Xian Park,  
3 Wuqing County, Tianjin, China. Samsung SDI Tianjin is a wholly owned and controlled  
4 subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Tianjin  
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
6 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants  
7 SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
8 Samsung SDI Tianjin relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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10           39. Defendant Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Samsung SDI Malaysia”) is a  
11 Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 635 & 660, Kawasan  
12 Perindustrian, Tuanku, Jaafar, 71450 Sungai Gadut, Negeri Semblian Darul Khusus, Malaysia.  
13 Samsung SDI Malaysia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI  
14 Co., Ltd. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
15 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
16 customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and  
17 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Malaysia relating to the  
18 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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20           40. Defendants SEC, SEAI, Samsung SDI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI  
21 Mexico, Samsung SDI Brazil, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Tianjin, and Samsung  
22 SDI Malaysia are referred to collectively herein as “Samsung.”  
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24           **Toshiba Entities**

25           41. Defendant Toshiba Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place  
26 of business at 1-1, Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001, Japan. In 2001, Toshiba  
27 Corporation held a 5-10 % worldwide market share for CRTs used in televisions and computer  
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1 monitors. In December 1995, Toshiba Corporation partnered with Orion Electric Company  
2 (n/k/a Daewoo Electronics Corporation) and two other non-defendant entities to form P.T.  
3 Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an  
4 annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2002, Toshiba Corporation entered  
5 into a joint venture with Defendant Panasonic Corporation called MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.  
6 in which the entities consolidated their CRT businesses. During the Class Period, Toshiba  
7 Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
8 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

10 42. Defendant Toshiba America, Inc. (“Toshiba America”) is a Delaware corporation  
11 with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 4110, New  
12 York, NY 10020. Toshiba America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant  
13 Toshiba Corporation. During the Class Period, Toshiba America sold and/or distributed CRT  
14 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout  
15 the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances,  
16 policies, and affairs of Toshiba America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
17 Complaint.

19 43. Defendant Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC (“TACP”) is headquartered  
20 in 82 Totawa Rd., Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3114. TACP is a wholly owned and controlled  
21 subsidiary of Defendant Toshiba Corporation through Toshiba America. During the Class Period,  
22 TACP sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries  
23 or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation  
24 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TACP relating to the  
25 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

27 44. Defendant Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIP”) is a California  
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1 corporation with its principal place of business located at 9740 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, California  
2 92718. TAIP is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation through  
3 Toshiba America, Inc. During the Class Period, TAIP manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
4 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
5 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and  
6 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TAIP relating to the antitrust violations  
7 alleged in this Complaint.  
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9 45. Defendant Toshiba America Electronics Components, Inc. ("TAEC") is a  
10 California corporation with its principal place of business located at 9775 Toledo Way, Irvine,  
11 California 92618, and 19000 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 400, Irvine, California 92612. TAEC  
12 is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba America, Inc., which is a holding  
13 company for defendant Toshiba Corporation. TAEC is currently the North American sales and  
14 marketing representative for defendant MTPD. Before MTPD's formation in 2003, TAEC was  
15 the North American engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sales arm of defendant Toshiba  
16 Corporation. During the Class Period, TAEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed  
17 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers  
18 throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the  
19 finances, policies, and affairs of TAEC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this  
20 Complaint.  
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23 46. Toshiba Display Devices (Thailand) Company, Ltd. ("TDDT") was a Thai  
24 company with its principal place of business located at 142 Moo 5 Bangkadi Industrial Estate,  
25 Tivanon Road, Pathum Thani, Thailand 12000. TDDT was a wholly owned and controlled  
26 subsidiary of defendant Toshiba Corporation. Toshiba Corporation transferred Toshiba Thailand  
27 to its CRT joint venture with Panasonic Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It  
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1 was re-named as MT Picture Display (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and operated as a wholly owned  
2 subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its closure in 2007. During the Class Period, TDDT  
3 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
4 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant  
5 Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
6 TDDT relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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8 47. P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) was a CRT joint venture  
9 formed by Toshiba Corporation, Orion Electric Company and two other non-defendant entities in  
10 December 1995. TEDI’s principal place of business was located in Indonesia. TEDI was  
11 projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2003, TEDI  
12 was transferred to MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. and its name was changed to PT.MT Picture  
13 Display Indonesia. During the Class Period, TEDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
14 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
15 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and  
16 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TEDI relating to the antitrust violations  
17 alleged in this Complaint.  
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19 48. Defendants Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP, TAEC,  
20 TDDT and TEDI are referred to collectively herein as “Toshiba.”  
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#### 22 **Panasonic Entities**

23 49. Defendant Panasonic Corporation, which was at all times during the Class Period  
24 known as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and only became Panasonic Corporation on  
25 October 1, 2008, is a Japanese entity with its principal place of business located at 1006 Oaza  
26 Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan. In 2002, Panasonic Corporation entered into a  
27 CRT joint venture with defendant Toshiba forming defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.  
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1 (“MTPD”). Panasonic Corporation was the majority owner with 64.5 percent. On April 3, 2007,  
2 Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining 35.5 percent stake in the joint venture, making  
3 MTPD a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panasonic Corporation. In 2005, the Panasonic brand had  
4 the highest CRT Product revenue in Japan. During the Class Period, Panasonic Corporation  
5 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
6 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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8 50. Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America (“Panasonic NA”) is a  
9 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at One Panasonic Way,  
10 Secaucus, New Jersey. Panasonic NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant  
11 Panasonic Corporation. During the Class Period, Panasonic NA manufactured, marketed, sold  
12 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
13 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and  
14 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Panasonic NA relating to the antitrust  
15 violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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17 51. Matsushita Electronic Corporation (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. (“Matsushita Malaysia”) was a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Persiaran Tengku  
18 Ampuan Section 21, Shah Alam Industrial Site, Shah Alam, Malaysia 40000. Matsushita  
19 Malaysia was a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation.  
20 Panasonic Corporation transferred Matsushita Malaysia to its CRT joint venture with Toshiba  
21 Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display  
22 (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its  
23 closure in 2006. During the Class Period, Matsushita Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold  
24 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
25 to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation dominated and  
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1 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Matsushita Malaysia relating to the  
2 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

3 52. Defendants Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic NA and Matsushita Malaysia are  
4 collectively referred to herein as “Panasonic.”

5 53. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. (“MTPD”) was established as a CRT joint  
6 venture between defendants Panasonic Corporation and Toshiba. MTPD is a Japanese entity with  
7 its principal place of business located at 1-1, Saiwai-cho, Takatsuki-shi, Osaka 569-1193, Japan.  
8 On April 3, 2007, defendant Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining stake in MTPD,  
9 making it a wholly owned subsidiary, and renaming it MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. During the  
10 Class Period, MTPD manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
11 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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13 54. Defendant Beijing-Matsushita Color CRT Company, Ltd. (“BMCC”) is a  
14 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 9, Jiuxianqiao N. Rd.,  
15 Dashanzi Chaoyang District, Beijing, China. BMCC is a joint venture company, 50% of which  
16 is held by defendant MTPD. The other 50% is held by Beijing Orient Electronics (Group) Co.,  
17 Ltd., China National Electronics Import & Export Beijing Company (a China state-owned  
18 enterprise), and Beijing Yayunchun Branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Ltd.  
19 (a China state-owned enterprise). Formed in 1987, BMCC was Matsushita’s (n/k/a Panasonic)  
20 first CRT manufacturing facility in China. BMCC is the second largest producer of CRTs in  
21 China. During the Class Period, BMCC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT  
22 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout  
23 the United States.  
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26 **Hitachi Entities**

27 55. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. is a Japanese company with its principal place of business  
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1 located at 6-1 Marunouchi Center Building 13F, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan. Hitachi  
2 Ltd. is the parent company for the Hitachi brand of CRT Products. In 1996, Hitachi, Ltd.'s  
3 worldwide market share for color CRTs was 20 percent. During the Class Period, Hitachi Ltd.  
4 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
5 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

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7 56. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. ("Hitachi Displays") is a Japanese company with its  
8 principal place of business located at AKS Building, 3 Kandaneibeicho 3, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo,  
9 101-0022, Japan. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. was originally established as Mobara Works of Hitachi,  
10 Ltd. in Mobara City, Japan, in 1943. In 2002, all the departments of planning, development,  
11 design, manufacturing and sales concerned with the display business of Hitachi, Ltd. were spun  
12 off to create a separate company called Hitachi Displays, Ltd. During the Class Period, Hitachi  
13 Displays, Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or  
14 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
15 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
16 Hitachi Displays relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

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18 57. Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. ("HEDUS") is a Delaware corporation  
19 with its principal place of business located as 1000 Hurricane Shoals Road, Ste. D-100,  
20 Lawrenceville, GA 30043. HEDUS is a subsidiary of defendants Hitachi Displays, Ltd. and  
21 Hitachi, Ltd. During the Class Period, HEDUS manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed  
22 CRT Products to customers, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to  
23 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd.  
24 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of HEDUS relating to the  
25 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

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27 58. Defendant Hitachi America, Ltd. ("Hitachi America") is a New York company  
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1 with its principal place of business located at 2000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane, California  
2 94005. Hitachi America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.  
3 During the Class Period, Hitachi America sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly  
4 or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
5 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
6 Hitachi America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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8 59. Defendant Hitachi Asia, Ltd. (“Hitachi Asia”) is a Singapore company with its  
9 principal place of business located at 16 Collyer Quay, #20-00 Hitachi Tower, Singapore, 049318.  
10 Hitachi Asia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd. During the  
11 Class Period, Hitachi Asia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either  
12 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United  
13 States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and  
14 affairs of Hitachi Asia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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16 60. Shenzhen SEG Hitachi Color Display Devices, Ltd. (“Hitachi Shenzhen”) was a  
17 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 5001 Huanggang Road, Futian  
18 District, Shenzhen 518035, China. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. owned at least a 25% interest in Hitachi  
19 Shenzhen until November 8, 2007 (which was coincidentally around the time that the government  
20 investigations into the CRT industry began). Thus, Hitachi Shenzhen was a member of the  
21 Hitachi corporate group for all but the last two weeks of the Class Period. During the Class Period,  
22 Hitachi Shenzhen manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
23 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants  
24 Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and  
25 affairs of Hitachi Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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27 61. Defendants Hitachi Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Hitachi America, HEDUS, Hitachi  
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1 Asia, and Hitachi Shenzhen are collectively referred to herein as “Hitachi.”

2 **Tatung**

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4 62. Defendant Tatung Company of America, Inc. (“Tatung America”) is a California  
5 corporation with its principal place of business located at 2850 El Presidio Street, Long Beach,  
6 California. Tatung America is a subsidiary of Tatung Company. Currently, Tatung Company  
7 owns approximately half of Tatung America. The other half used to be owned by Lun Kuan Lin,  
8 the daughter of Tatung Company’s former Chairman, T.S. Lin. Following Lun Kuan Lin’s recent  
9 death, her share recently passed to her two children. During the Class Period, Tatung America  
10 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
11 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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13 **Chunghwa Entities**

14 63. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. (“CPT”) is a Taiwanese company with  
15 its principal place of business located at 1127 Heping Road, Bade City, Taoyuan, Taiwan. CPT  
16 was founded in 1971 by Tatung Company. Throughout the majority of the Class Period, Tatung  
17 Company owned a substantial share in CPT. Although Tatung Company’s holdings in CPT have  
18 fallen over time, it retains substantial control over CPT’s operations. Tatung Company lists  
19 Chunghwa on its website as one of its “global subsidiaries.” And the Chairman of CPT, Weishan  
20 Lin, is also the Chairman and General Manager of Tatung Company. CPT is a leading  
21 manufacturer of CRTs. During the Class Period, CPT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or  
22 distributed CRT Products, both directly and through its wholly owned and controlled subsidiaries  
23 in Malaysia, China, and Scotland, to customers throughout the United States.  
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26 64. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Chunghwa  
27 Malaysia”) is a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Subang  
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1 Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Batu Tiga, 4000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.  
2 Chunghwa Malaysia a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Chunghwa Picture  
3 Tubes. Chunghwa Malaysia is a leading worldwide supplier of CRTs. During the Class Period,  
4 Chunghwa Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either  
5 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United  
6 States. Defendant CPT dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of  
7 Chunghwa Malaysia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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9 65. Defendants CPT and Chunghwa Malaysia are collectively referred to herein as  
10 “Chunghwa.”  
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#### 12 **IRICO Entities**

13 66. Defendant IRICO Group Corporation (“IGC”) is a Chinese corporation with its  
14 principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021.  
15 IGC is the parent company for multiple subsidiaries engaged in the manufacture, marketing, sale  
16 and/or distribution of CRT Products. During the Class Period, IGC manufactured, marketed, sold  
17 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
18 to customers throughout the United States.  
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20 67. Defendant IRICO Display Devices Co., Ltd. (“IDDC”) is a Chinese company  
21 with its principal place of business located at No. 16, Fenghui South Road West, District High-  
22 tech Development Zone, Xi’an, SXI 710075. IDDC is a partially owned subsidiary of defendant  
23 IGC. In 2006, IDDC was China’s top CRT maker. During the Class Period, IDDC manufactured,  
24 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
25 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated  
26 and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IDDC relating to the antitrust violations alleged  
27 in this Complaint.  
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1           68. Defendant IRICO Group Electronics Co., Ltd. (“IGE”) is a Chinese company  
2 with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province  
3 712021. IGE is owned by Defendant IGC. According to its website, IGE was the first CRT  
4 manufacturer in China and one of the leading global manufacturers of CRTs. Their website also  
5 claims that in 2003, they were the largest CRT manufacturer in China in terms of production and  
6 sales volume, sales revenue and aggregated profit and taxation. During the Class Period, IGE  
7 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
8 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC  
9 dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IGE relating to the antitrust  
10 violations alleged in this Complaint.  
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12           69. Defendants IGC, IDDC, and IGE are collectively referred to herein as “IRICO.”  
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14           **Thai CRT**

15           70. Defendant Thai CRT Company, Ltd. (“Thai CRT”) is a Thai company with its  
16 principal place of business located at 1/F Siam Cement Road, Bangsue Dusit, Bangkok, Thailand.  
17 Thai CRT is a subsidiary of Siam Cement Group. It was established in 1986 as Thailand’s first  
18 manufacturer of CRT’s for color televisions. During the Class Period, Thai CRT manufactured,  
19 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
20 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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22           **Samtel**

23           71. Defendant Samtel Color, Ltd. (“Samtel”) is an Indian company with its principal  
24 place of business located at 52, Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110065.  
25 Samtel’s market share for CRTs sold in India is approximately 40%. Samtel is India’s largest  
26 exporter of CRTs. Samtel has gained safety approvals from the United States, Canada, Germany  
27 and Great Britain for its CRT Products. During the Class Period, Samtel manufactured, marketed,  
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1 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or  
2 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

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4 **Daewoo/Orion Entities**

5 72. During the Class Period, Orion Electric Company (“Orion”) was a major  
6 manufacturer of CRTs. Orion was a Korean corporation which filed for bankruptcy in 2004. In  
7 1995, approximately 85% of Orion’s \$1 billion in sales was attributed to CRTs. Orion was  
8 involved in CRT Product sales and manufacturing joint ventures and had subsidiaries all over the  
9 world, including South Africa, France, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States. Plaintiffs are  
10 informed and believe that Orion was wholly owned by the “Daewoo Group.” The Daewoo Group  
11 included Daewoo Electronics Company, Ltd., Daewoo Telecom Company, Daewoo Corporation,  
12 and Orion Electric Components Company. The Daewoo Group was dismantled in or around  
13 1999. Daewoo Electronics and Orion were 50/50 joint venture partners in an entity called  
14 Daewoo-Orion Société Anonyme (“DOSA”) in France. As of approximately 1996, DOSA  
15 produced 1.2 million CRTs annually. Daewoo sold DOSA’s CRT business in or around 2004.  
16 In December 1995, Orion partnered with defendant Toshiba Corporation and two other non-  
17 defendant entities to form P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia.  
18 TEDI was projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. During  
19 the Class Period, Orion, Daewoo Electronics, TEDI and DOSA manufactured, marketed, sold  
20 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through their subsidiaries or  
21 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

22 73. Daewoo Electronics, Orion, and DOSA are collectively referred to herein as  
23 “Daewoo.”

24 74. All of the above-listed defendants are collectively referred to herein as  
25 “Defendants.”  
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1           75. Various other persons, firms and corporations, not named as Defendants herein,  
2 including the entities described below, have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants and  
3 have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the conspiracy and/or in furtherance  
4 of the anticompetitive, unfair or deceptive conduct. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or  
5 all of these Persons as Defendants at a later date.  
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7           **Thomson Entities**

8           76. Co-conspirator Thomson SA (n/k/a Technicolor SA) (“Thomson SA”) is a French  
9 corporation with its principal place of business located at 5 Rue Jeanne d’Arc 92130 Issy-les-  
10 Moulineaux, France. Thomson SA, through its wholly owned subsidiary Thomson Consumer  
11 Electronics Corporation, was a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with  
12 plants located in the United States, Mexico, China and Europe. Thomson SA sold its CRTs  
13 internally to its television-manufacturing division, which had plants in the United States and  
14 Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere. Thomson  
15 SA’s television division also purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. Thomson SA’s  
16 CRT televisions were sold in the United States to consumers under the RCA brand. In November  
17 2003, Thomson SA sold its television division to a joint venture it formed with Chinese  
18 company, TCL Corporation. The joint venture was called TCL-Thomson Electronics  
19 Corporation (“TCL-Thomson”). TCL took a 67 percent stake in the joint venture, with Thomson  
20 SA holding the rest of the shares. As part of the joint venture agreement, the parties agreed that  
21 televisions made by TCL-Thomson would be marketed under the TCL brand in Asia and the  
22 Thomson and RCA brands in Europe and North America, respectively. In July 2005, Thomson  
23 SA sold its CRT business to Videocon. During the Class Period, Thomson SA manufactured,  
24 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its  
25 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.  
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1           77. Co-conspirator Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc. (n/k/a Technicolor USA,  
2 Inc.) (“Thomson Consumer Electronics”) is a U.S. corporation with its principal place of  
3 business located at 10330 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46290-1024. Thomson Consumer  
4 Electronics is a wholly owned subsidiary of Thomson SA. Thomson Consumer Electronics was  
5 a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with plants located in Scranton, PA,  
6 Marion, IN and Mexicali, Mexico. The United States-based plants were closed in 2004. Thomson  
7 Consumer Electronics sold its CRTs internally to its own television-manufacturing division,  
8 which had plants in the United States and Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the  
9 United States and elsewhere. Thomson’s CRT televisions were sold in the United States to United  
10 States consumers under the RCA brand. Thomson Consumer Electronic’s television business  
11 was sold to TCL-Thomson in 2003, and its CRT business was sold to Videocon Industries, Ltd.  
12 in 2005. During the Class Period, Thomson Consumer Electronics manufactured, marketed, sold  
13 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates,  
14 to customers throughout the United States.  
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17           78. Thomson SA and Thomson Consumer Electronics are collectively referred to  
18 herein as “Thomson.”

19           **Videocon**

20           79. Co-conspirator Videocon Industries, Ltd. (“Videocon”) is an Indian corporation  
21 with its principal place of business located at 14 Kms Stone, Aurangabad-Paithan Road,  
22 Chitegaon, Tq. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad - 431 105, India. In July 2005, Videocon acquired  
23 Thomson’s CRT businesses, which included manufacturing facilities in Poland, Italy, Mexico,  
24 and China. Videocon manufactured its CRTs for the United States market in Thomson’s former  
25 CRT plants in Mexicali, Mexico and China. Videocon sold these CRTs primarily to the joint  
26 venture, TCL-Thomson, which manufactured CRT televisions for the U.S. market in Juarez,  
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1 Mexico, and which it sold under the RCA brand. During the Class Period, Videocon  
2 manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly  
3 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

4 **Mitsubishi Entities**

5 80. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (“Mitsubishi Electric Japan”) is a  
6 Japanese corporation located at Building, 2-7-3, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8310,  
7 Japan. Mitsubishi Electric Japan and its subsidiaries manufactured CRTs in factories located in  
8 Japan, Taiwan, Mexico and Canada for sale in the United States. These CRTs were sold internally  
9 to Mitsubishi’s television and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor  
10 manufacturers in the U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also  
11 purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric  
12 Japan manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.

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15 81. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics USA, Inc. (“Mitsubishi Electric  
16 USA”) is a United States corporation located at 5665 Plaza Drive, Cypress, CA 90630.  
17 Mitsubishi Electric USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric Japan. Mitsubishi  
18 Electric USA manufactured CRTs for the United States market in plants located in Mexicali,  
19 Mexico and Ontario, Canada. Mitsubishi Electric USA sold its CRTs internally to its television  
20 and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor manufacturers in the  
21 U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also purchased CRTs from  
22 other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric USA manufactured,  
23 marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.

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25 82. Co-conspirator Mitsubishi Digital Electronics Americas, Inc. (“Mitsubishi  
26 Digital”) is a United States corporation located at 9351 Jeronimo Road, Irvine, CA 92618.  
27 Mitsubishi Digital is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric USA. During the Class  
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1 Period, Mitsubishi Digital manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRTs and CRT  
2 televisions and monitors in the United States.

3 83. Mitsubishi Electric Japan, Mitsubishi Electric USA and Mitsubishi Digital are  
4 collectively referred to herein as “Mitsubishi.”

5 84. Whenever in this Complaint reference is made to any act, deed or transaction of  
6 any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed or transaction  
7 by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives while they were actively  
8 engaged in the management, direction, control or transaction of the corporation’s business or  
9 affairs.  
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11 85. Defendants are also liable to acts done in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy by  
12 companies they acquired through mergers or acquisitions.

13 86. Each of the Defendants named herein acted as the agent or joint venturer of or for  
14 the other Defendants with respect to the acts, violations and common course of conduct alleged  
15 herein. Each Defendant which is a subsidiary of a foreign parent acts as the sole United States  
16 agent for CRT Products made by its parent company.  
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## 19 **VII. INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE**

20 87. Throughout the Class Period, each Defendant, or one or more of its subsidiaries,  
21 sold CRT Products in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and  
22 international commerce, including through and into this judicial district.  
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24 88. During the Class Period, Defendants collectively controlled the vast majority of  
25 the market for CRT Products, both globally and in the United States.

26 89. Defendants’ unlawful activities, as described herein, took place within the flow  
27 of interstate commerce to purchasers of CRT Products located in states other than the states in  
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1 which Defendants are located, as well as throughout the world, and had a direct, substantial and  
2 reasonably foreseeable effect upon interstate and international commerce, including the United  
3 States markets for CRT Products.

## 4 5 **VIII. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

### 6 **A. CRT Technology**

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8 90. CRT technology was first developed more than a century ago. The first  
9 commercially practical CRT television was made in 1931. It was not until the RCA Corporation  
10 introduced the product at the 1939 World's Fair, however, that it became widely available to  
11 consumers. Since then, CRTs have become the heart of most display products, including  
12 televisions, computer monitors, oscilloscopes, air traffic control monitors, and ATMs. Even large  
13 public displays, including many scoreboards at sports arenas, are comprised of thousands of  
14 single-color CRTs.

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16 91. As noted above, the CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with  
17 light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams.  
18 When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue  
19 light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams  
20 to produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce  
21 the desired images.

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23 92. The quality of a CRT display is dictated by the quality of the CRT itself. No  
24 external control or feature can make up for a poor-quality tube. In this regard, the CRT defines  
25 the whole product such that the product is often simply referred to as "the CRT."

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27 93. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays,  
28 including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the

1 sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

2 **B. Structural Characteristics Of The CRT Market**

3 94. The structural characteristics of the CRT Product market are conducive to the type  
4 of collusive activity alleged in this Complaint. These characteristics include market  
5 concentration, ease of information sharing, the consolidation of manufacturers, multiple  
6 interrelated business relationships, significant barriers to entry, maturity of the CRT Product  
7 market, and homogeneity of products.  
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9 **a. Market Concentration**

10 95. During the Class Period, the CRT industry was dominated by relatively few  
11 companies. In 2004, defendants Samsung SDI, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays), MT  
12 Picture Display and Chunghwa together held a collective 78% share of the global CRT market.  
13 The high concentration of market share facilitates coordination since there are fewer cartel  
14 members among which to coordinate pricing or allocate markets, and it is easier to monitor the  
15 pricing and production of other cartel members.  
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17 **b. Information Sharing**

18 96. Because of common membership in trade associations for the CRT Product market  
19 and related markets (for e.g., TFT-LCD), interrelated business arrangements such as joint  
20 ventures, allegiances between companies in certain countries, and relationships between the  
21 executives of certain companies, there were many opportunities for Defendants to discuss and  
22 exchange competitive information. The ease of communication was facilitated by the use of  
23 meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, and instant messages. Defendants took advantage of these  
24 opportunities to discuss and agree upon their pricing for CRT Products.  
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26 97. Defendants Chunghwa, Hitachi and Samsung are all members of the Society for  
27 Information Display. Defendants Samsung and LG Electronics, Inc. are two of the co-founders  
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1 of the Korea Display Industry Association. Similarly, Daewoo, LG Electronics, LP Displays, and  
2 Samsung are members of the Electronic Display Industrial Research Association. Upon  
3 information and belief, Defendants used these trade associations as vehicles for discussing and  
4 agreeing upon their pricing for CRT Products. At the meetings of these trade associations,  
5 Defendants exchanged proprietary and competitively sensitive information which they used to  
6 implement and monitor the conspiracy.  
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8 **c. Consolidation**

9 98. The CRT Product industry also had significant consolidation during the Class  
10 Period, including but not limited to: (a) the creation of LG Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays)  
11 in 2001 as a joint venture between Royal Philips and LG Electronics, Inc.; and (b) the 2002 merger  
12 of Toshiba and Matsushita/Panasonic's CRT business into MTPD.  
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14 99. Defendants also consolidated their manufacturing facilities in lower cost venues  
15 such as China and reduced manufacturing capacity to prop up prices.  
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17 **d. Multiple Interrelated Business Relationships**

18 100. The CRT Product industry has a close-knit nature whereby multiple business  
19 relationships between supposed competitors blur the lines of competition and provided ample  
20 opportunity to collude. These business relationships also created a unity of interest among  
21 competitors so that the conspiracy was easier to implement and enforce than if such  
22 interrelationships did not exist.

23 101. Examples of the high degree of cooperation among Defendants in both the CRT  
24 Product market and other closely related markets include the following:

25 a. The formation of the CRT joint venture LG.Philips Displays in 2001 by  
26 Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips.

27 b. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips also formed  
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1 LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., n/k/a LG Display Co., Ltd. in 1999 as a joint venture for the purpose  
2 of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

3 c. The formation of the CRT joint venture MTPD in 2003 by defendants  
4 Toshiba and Panasonic.

5 d. Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic also formed Toshiba-Matsushita  
6 Display Technology Co., Ltd. as a joint venture for the purpose of manufacturing TFT-LCD  
7 panels.  
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9 e. In December 1995, Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba partnered with two  
10 other non-Defendant entities to form TEDI which manufactured CRTs in Indonesia.

11 f. Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba also signed a cooperative agreement  
12 relating to LCDs in 1995. Pursuant to the agreement, Daewoo produced STN LCDs, and  
13 Toshiba, which had substituted its STN LCD production with TFT LCD production, marketed  
14 Daewoo's STN LCDs globally through its network.  
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16 g. Also in 1995, Defendant Chunghwa entered into a technology transfer  
17 agreement with Defendant Toshiba for large CPTs.

18 h. Defendant Chunghwa has a joint venture with Defendant Samsung  
19 Electronics Co., Ltd. for the production of liquid crystal display panels. Chunghwa now  
20 licenses the technology from Defendant Royal Philips, a recent development that helped resolve  
21 a patent infringement suit filed in 2002.  
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23 i. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Hitachi Ltd. entered into a joint  
24 venture in 2000 for the manufacture, sale and distribution of optical storage products such as  
25 DVD drives.

26 j. Defendant Samtel participates in a joint venture, Samcor Glass Limited,  
27 with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and non-Defendant Corning Inc., USA for the  
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1 production and supply of picture tube glass.

2 k. Defendant Samtel claims to have supplied CRTs to Defendants LG  
3 Electronics, Inc., Samsung, Royal Philips, and Panasonic.

4 **e. High Costs of Entry Into The Industry**

5 102. There are substantial barriers to entry in the CRT Products industry. It would  
6 require substantial time, resources and industry knowledge to even potentially overcome the  
7 barriers to entry. It is also extremely unlikely that a new producer would enter the market in light  
8 of the declining demand for CRT Products.  
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10 **f. The Maturity of The CRT Product Market**

11 103. Newer industries are typically characterized by rapid growth, innovation and high  
12 profits. The CRT Product market is a mature one, and like many mature industries, is  
13 characterized by slim profit margins, creating a motivation to collude.  
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15 104. Demand for CRT Products was declining throughout the Class Period. Static or  
16 declining demand is another factor which makes the formation of a collusive arrangement more  
17 likely because it provides a greater incentive to firms to avoid price competition.

18 105. In addition, conventional CRT televisions and computer monitors were being  
19 rapidly replaced by TFT-LCD and Plasma displays. This was one of the factors which led  
20 Defendants to engage in this alleged price fixing scheme in order to slow down declining CRT  
21 Product prices. Between 2000 and 2006, revenues from the sale of CRT televisions in the United  
22 States declined by 50.7 percent and are predicted to decline by an additional 84.5 percent between  
23 2006 and 2010.  
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25 106. Although demand was declining as a result of the popularity of flat-panel  
26 LCD/plasma televisions and LCD monitors, CRT televisions and monitors were still the  
27 dominant display technology during the Class Period, making Defendants' collusion and the  
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1 international price fixing conspiracy worthwhile. Due to the high costs of LCD panels and  
2 plasma displays during the Class Period, a substantial market for CRT Products existed as a  
3 cheaper alternative to these new technologies.

4 107. In 1999, CRT monitors accounted for 94.5 percent of the retail market for  
5 computer monitors in North America. By 2002, that figure had dropped to 73 percent; still a  
6 substantial share of the market.  
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8 108. As for CRT televisions, they accounted for 73 percent of the North American  
9 television market in 2004, and by the end of 2006, still held a 46 percent market share. CRT  
10 televisions continue to dominate the global television market, accounting for 75 percent of  
11 worldwide TV units in 2006.

12 **g. Homogeneity of CRT Products**

13 109. CRT Products are commodity-like products which are manufactured in  
14 standardized sizes. One Defendant's CRT Products for a particular application, such as a  
15 particular size television set or computer monitor, is substitutable for another's. Defendants sell  
16 and Plaintiff (and Class members) purchase CRT Products primarily on the basis of price.  
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18 110. It is easier to form and sustain a cartel when the product in question is commodity-  
19 like because it is easier to agree on prices to charge and to monitor those prices once an  
20 agreement is formed.  
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22 **C. Pre-Conspiracy Market**

23 111. The genesis of the CRT conspiracy was in the late 1980s as the CRT Products  
24 business became more international and the Defendants began serving customers that were also  
25 being served by other international companies. During this period, the employees of Defendants  
26 would encounter employees from their competitors when visiting their customers. A culture of  
27 cooperation developed over the years and these Defendant employees would exchange market  
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1 information on production, capacity, and customers.

2 112. In the early 1990s, representatives from Samsung, Daewoo, Chunghwa and Orion  
3 visited each other's factories in S.E. Asia. During this period, these producers began to include  
4 discussions about price in their meetings. The pricing discussions were usually limited, however,  
5 to exchanges of the range of prices that each competitor had quoted to specific customers.  
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7 **D. Defendants' and Co-Conspirators' Illegal Agreements**

8 113. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that in order to control and  
9 maintain profitability during declining demand for CRT Products, Defendants and their co-  
10 conspirators have engaged in a contract, combination, trust or conspiracy, the effect of which has  
11 been to raise, fix, maintain and/or stabilize the prices at which they sold CRT Products to  
12 artificially inflated levels from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.  
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14 114. The CRT conspiracy was effectuated through a combination of group and bilateral  
15 meetings. In the formative years of the conspiracy (1995-1996), bilateral discussions were the  
16 primary method of communication and took place on an informal, ad hoc basis. During this  
17 period, representatives from Defendants LG, Samsung and Daewoo visited the other Defendant  
18 and co-conspirator manufacturers including Philips, Chunghwa, Thai CRT, Hitachi, Toshiba,  
19 Mitsubishi and Panasonic to discuss increasing prices for CRT Products in general and to specific  
20 customers. These meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia,  
21 Indonesia, and Singapore.  
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23 115. Defendants Samsung, Chunghwa, LG, Mitsubishi and Daewoo also attended  
24 several ad hoc group meetings during this period. The participants at these group meetings also  
25 discussed increasing prices for CRT Products.

26 116. As more manufacturers formally entered the conspiracy, group meetings became  
27 more prevalent. Beginning in 1997, the Defendants began to meet in a more organized, systematic  
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1 fashion, and a formal system of multilateral and bilateral meetings was put in place. Defendants'  
2 representatives attended hundreds of these meetings during the Class Period.

3 117. The overall CRT conspiracy raised and stabilized worldwide prices (including  
4 United States prices) that Defendants charged for CRT Products.

5 **a. "Glass Meetings"**

6 118. The group meetings among the participants in the CRT price-fixing conspiracy  
7 were referred to by the participants as "Glass Meetings" or "GSM." Glass Meetings were attended  
8 by employees at three general levels of the Defendants' corporations.

9 119. The first level of these meetings were attended by high level company executives  
10 including CEOs, Presidents, and Vice Presidents, and were known as "Top Meetings." Top  
11 Meetings occurred less frequently, typically quarterly, and were focused on longer term  
12 agreements and forcing compliance with price fixing agreements. Because attendees at Top  
13 Meetings had authority as well as more reliable information, these meetings resulted in  
14 agreements. Attendees at Top Meetings were also able to resolve disputes because they were  
15 decision makers who could make agreements.

16 120. The second level of meetings were attended by the Defendants' high-level sales  
17 managers and were known as "Management Meetings." These meetings occurred more  
18 frequently, typically monthly, and handled implementation of the agreements made at Top  
19 Meetings.

20 121. Finally, the third level of meetings were known as "Working Level Meetings" and  
21 were attended by lower-level sales and marketing employees. These meetings generally occurred  
22 on a weekly or monthly basis and were mostly limited to the exchange of information and  
23 discussing pricing since the lower-level employees did not have the authority to enter into  
24 agreements. These lower-level employees would then transmit the competitive information up  
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1 the corporate reporting chain to those individuals with pricing authority. The Working Level  
2 Meetings also tended to be more regional and often took place near Defendants' factories. In  
3 other words, the Taiwanese manufacturers' employees met in Taiwan, the Korean manufacturers'  
4 employees met in Korea, the Chinese in China, and so on.

5           a.       The Chinese Glass Meetings began in 1998 and generally occurred on a  
6 monthly basis following a top or management level meeting. The China meetings had the  
7 principal purpose of reporting what had been decided at the most recent Glass Meeting to the  
8 Chinese manufacturers. Participants at the Chinese meetings included the manufacturers located  
9 in China, such as IRICO and BMCC, as well as the China-based branches of the other Defendants,  
10 including but not limited to Hitachi Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung  
11 SDI Tianjin, and Chunghwa.

12           b.       Glass Meetings also occurred occasionally in various European countries.  
13 Attendees at these meetings included those Defendants which had subsidiaries and/or  
14 manufacturing facilities located in Europe, including Philips, LG, LP Displays, Chunghwa,  
15 Samsung, Daewoo (usually DOSA attended these meetings on behalf of Daewoo), IRICO,  
16 Thomson and, from 2005, Videocon.

17           122.   Representatives of the Defendants also attended what were known amongst  
18 members of the conspiracy as "Green Meetings." These were meetings held on golf courses. The  
19 Green Meetings were generally attended by top and management level employees of the  
20 Defendants.

21           123.   During the Class Period, Glass Meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea,  
22 Europe, China, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the United States.

23           124.   Participants would often exchange competitively sensitive information prior to a  
24 Glass Meeting. This included information on inventories, production, sales and exports. For  
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1 some such meetings, where information could not be gathered in advance of the meeting, it was  
2 brought to the meeting and shared.

3 125. The Glass Meetings at all levels followed a fairly typical agenda. First, the  
4 participants exchanged competitive information such as proposed future CRT pricing, sales  
5 volume, inventory levels, production capacity, exports, customer orders, price trends, and  
6 forecasts of sales volumes for coming months. The participants also updated the information they  
7 had provided in the previous meeting. Each meeting had a rotating, designated “Chairman” who  
8 would write the information on a white board. The meeting participants then used this  
9 information to discuss and agree upon what price each would charge for CRTs to be sold in the  
10 following month or quarter. They discussed and agreed upon target prices, price increases, so-  
11 called “bottom” prices, and price ranges for CRTs. They also discussed and agreed upon prices  
12 of CRTs that were sold to specific customers and agreed upon target prices to be used in  
13 negotiations with large customers. Having analyzed the supply and demand, the participants  
14 would also discuss and agree upon production cutbacks.

17 126. During periods of oversupply, the focus of the meeting participants turned to  
18 making controlled and coordinated price reductions. This was referred to as setting a “bottom  
19 price.”

20 127. Defendants’ conspiracy included agreements on the prices at which certain  
21 Defendants would sell CRTs to their own corporate subsidiaries and affiliates that manufactured  
22 end products, such as televisions and computer monitors. Defendants realized the importance of  
23 keeping the internal pricing to their affiliated OEMs at a high enough level to support the CRT  
24 pricing in the market to other OEMs. In this way, Defendants ensured that all direct purchaser  
25 OEMs paid supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

27 128. Each of the participants in these meetings knew, and in fact discussed, the  
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1 significant impact that the price of CRTs had on the cost of the finished products into which they  
2 were placed. Like CRTs themselves, the market for CRT Products was a mature one, and there  
3 were slim profit margins. The Defendants therefore concluded that in order to make their CRT  
4 price increases stick, they needed to make the increase high enough that their direct customers  
5 (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify a corresponding price increase to their  
6 customers. In this way, Defendants ensured that price increases for CRTs were passed on to  
7 indirect purchasers of CRT Products.  
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9 129. The agreements reached at the Glass Meetings included:

- 10 a. agreements on CRT Product prices, including establishing target prices,  
11 “bottom” prices, price ranges, and price guidelines;
- 12 b. placing agreed-upon price differentials on various attributes of CRT Products,  
13 such as quality or certain technical specifications;
- 14 c. agreements on pricing for intra-company CRT Product sales to vertically  
15 integrated customers;
- 16 d. agreements as to what to tell customers about the reason for a price increase;
- 17 e. agreements to coordinate with competitors that did not attend the group  
18 meetings and agreements with them to abide by the agreed-upon pricing;
- 19 f. agreements to coordinate pricing with CRT manufacturers in other  
20 geographic markets such as Brazil, Europe and India;
- 21 g. agreements to exchange pertinent information regarding shipments, capacity,  
22 production, prices and customers demands;
- 23 h. agreements to coordinate uniform public statements regarding available  
24 capacity and supply;
- 25 i. agreements to allocate both overall market shares and share of a particular  
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1 customer's purchases;

2 j. agreements to allocate customers;

3 k. agreements regarding capacity, including agreements to restrict output and to  
4 audit compliance with such agreements; and

5 l. agreements to keep their meetings secret.

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7 130. Efforts were made to monitor each Defendant's adherence to these agreements in  
8 a number of ways, including seeking confirmation of pricing both from customers and from  
9 employees of the Defendants themselves. When cheating did occur, it was addressed in at least  
10 four ways: 1) monitoring; 2) attendees at the meetings challenging other attendees if they did not  
11 live up to an agreement; 3) threats to undermine a competitor at one of its principal customers;  
12 and 4) a recognition in a mutual interest in living up to the target price and living up to the  
13 agreements that had been made.

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15 131. As market conditions worsened in 2005-2007, and the rate of replacement of CRT  
16 Products by TFT-LCDs increased, the group Glass Meetings became less frequent and bilateral  
17 meetings again became more prevalent. In addition, in December 2006 the DOJ issued subpoenas  
18 to manufacturers of TFT-LCDs and so the CRT co-conspirators began to have concerns about  
19 antitrust issues.

20 **b. Bilateral Discussions**

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22 132. Throughout the Class Period, the Glass Meetings were supplemented by bilateral  
23 discussions between various Defendants. The bilateral discussions were more informal than the  
24 group meetings and occurred on a frequent, ad hoc basis, often between the group meetings. These  
25 discussions, usually between sales and marketing employees, took the form of in-person  
26 meetings, telephone contacts and emails.

27 133. During the Class Period, in-person bilateral meetings took place in Malaysia,  
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1 Indonesia, Taiwan, China, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brazil,  
2 Mexico and the United States.

3 134. The purpose of the bilateral discussions was to exchange information about past  
4 and future pricing, confirm production levels, share sales order information, confirm pricing  
5 rumors, and coordinate pricing with manufacturers in other geographic locations, including  
6 Brazil, Mexico, Europe and the United States.  
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8 135. In order to ensure the efficacy of their global conspiracy, the Defendants also used  
9 bilateral meetings to coordinate pricing with CRT Product manufacturers in Brazil, Mexico and  
10 the United States, such as Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later, LPD (from  
11 2001) and Videocon (from 2005). These CRT manufacturers were particularly important because  
12 they served the North American market for CRT Products. As further alleged herein, North  
13 America was the largest market for CRT televisions and computer monitors during the Class  
14 Period. Because these manufacturers were all wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries of  
15 Defendants or co-conspirators Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and LPD, they  
16 adhered to the unlawful price-fixing agreements. In this way, the Defendants ensured that prices  
17 of all CRT Products sold in the United States were fixed, raised, maintained and/or stabilized at  
18 supracompetitive levels.  
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20 136. Defendants also used bilateral discussions with each other during price  
21 negotiations with customers to avoid being persuaded by customers to cut prices. The information  
22 gained in these communications was then shared with supervisors and taken into account in  
23 determining the price to be offered.  
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25 137. Bilateral discussions were also used to coordinate prices with CRT Product  
26 manufacturers that did not ordinarily attend the group meetings, such as Defendants and co-  
27 conspirators Hitachi, Toshiba, Panasonic, Thai CRT, Samtel, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later  
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1 Videocon. It was often the case that in the few days following a Top or Management Meeting,  
2 the attendees at these group meetings would meet bilaterally with the other Defendant and co-  
3 conspirator manufacturers for the purpose of communicating whatever CRT Product pricing  
4 and/or output agreements had been reached during the meeting. For example, Samsung had a  
5 relationship with Hitachi and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing  
6 agreements to Hitachi. LG had a relationship with Toshiba and was responsible for  
7 communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Toshiba. And Thai CRT had a relationship  
8 with Samtel and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Samtel.  
9 Hitachi, Toshiba and Samtel implemented the agreed-upon pricing as conveyed by Samsung, LG,  
10 and Thai CRT. Sometimes Hitachi and Toshiba also attended the Glass Meetings. Similarly,  
11 Philips had regular bilateral communications with Thomson in Europe and the United States, and  
12 Samsung SDI had regular communications with Mitsubishi. In this way, Hitachi, Toshiba,  
13 Samtel, Thomson and Mitsubishi participated in the conspiracy to fix prices of CRT Products.

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16 **c. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Participation In Group and Bilateral**  
17 **Discussions**

18 138. Between at least 1995 and 2007, Defendant Samsung, through SEC, Samsung SDI,  
19 Samsung SDI Malaysia, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, and Samsung SDI Tianjin, participated in at  
20 least 200 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were attended by  
21 the highest-ranking executives from Samsung. Samsung also engaged in bilateral discussions  
22 with each of the other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Samsung  
23 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products.

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26 139. Defendants SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI  
27 Mexico were represented at those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them.  
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1 To the extent SEC and SEAI sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they played a significant role  
2 in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by  
3 direct purchasers would not undercut the CRT pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings.  
4 Thus, SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung SDI Mexico were active,  
5 knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.  
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7 140. Between at least 1995 and 2001, Defendant LG, through LG Electronics, Inc. and  
8 LGETT, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, LG participated in the  
9 CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with Philips, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP  
10 Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by the highest-ranking  
11 executives from LG. LG also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants  
12 on a regular basis. Through these discussions, LG agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT  
13 Products. LG never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.  
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15 141. Defendant LGEUSA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the  
16 agreements entered at them. To the extent LGEUSA sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they  
17 played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices  
18 for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached  
19 at the Glass Meetings. Thus, LGEUSA was an active, knowing participant in the alleged  
20 conspiracy.  
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22 142. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Philips, through Royal Philips and  
23 Philips Taiwan, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, Philips  
24 participated in the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with LG, LG.Philips  
25 Displays (n/k/a LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by high  
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1 level executives from Philips. Philips also engaged in numerous bilateral discussions with other  
2 Defendants. Through these discussions, Philips agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT  
3 Products. Philips never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

4 143. Defendants PENAC and Philips Brazil were represented at those meetings and  
5 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent PENAC and Philips Brazil sold  
6 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the  
7 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct  
8 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,  
9 PENAC and Philips Brazil were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

11 144. Between at least 2001 and 2006, Defendant LP Displays (f/k/a LG.Philips  
12 Displays) participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these  
13 meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from LP Displays. Certain of these  
14 high-level executives from LP Displays had previously attended meetings on behalf of  
15 Defendants LG and Philips. LP Displays also engaged in bilateral discussions with other  
16 Defendants. Through these discussions, LP Displays agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT  
17 Products.

19 145. Between at least 1995 and 2006, Defendant Chunghwa, through CPT, Chunghwa  
20 Malaysia, and representatives from their factories in Fuzhuo (China) and Scotland, participated  
21 in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were attended  
22 by the highest-ranking executives from Chunghwa, including the former Chairman and CEO of  
23 CPT, C.Y. Lin. Chunghwa also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants  
24 on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Chunghwa agreed on prices and supply levels for  
25 CRT Products.

27 146. Defendant Tatung America was represented at those meetings and was a party to  
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1 the agreements entered at them. To the extent Tatung America sold and/or distributed CRT  
2 Products to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants  
3 wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut  
4 the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Tatung America was an active,  
5 knowing participant in the alleged conspiracy.

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7 147. Between at least 1995 and 2004, Daewoo, through Daewoo Electronics, Orion and  
8 DOSA, participated in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these  
9 meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from Daewoo. Daewoo also engaged  
10 in bilateral discussions with other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions,  
11 Daewoo agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Bilateral discussions with Daewoo  
12 continued until Orion, its wholly-owned CRT subsidiary, filed for bankruptcy in 2004. Daewoo  
13 never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

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15 148. Between at least 1995 and 2003, Defendant Toshiba, through Toshiba  
16 Corporation, TDDT and TEDI, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Toshiba  
17 participated in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Panasonic, MTPD. These  
18 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Toshiba and MTPD. Toshiba also  
19 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with LG. Through  
20 these discussions, Toshiba agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Toshiba never  
21 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

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23 149. Defendants Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC were represented at  
24 those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Toshiba  
25 America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers,  
26 they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the  
27 prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements  
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1 reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Toshiba America, TACP, TAIP, and TAEC were active,  
2 knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

3 150. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Hitachi, through Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi  
4 Displays, Hitachi Shenzhen, and Hitachi Asia, participated in several Glass Meetings. These  
5 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Hitachi. Hitachi also engaged in  
6 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Samsung. Through these  
7 discussions, Hitachi agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Hitachi never  
8 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.  
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10 151. Defendants Hitachi America and HEDUS were represented at those meetings and  
11 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Hitachi America and HEDUS sold  
12 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the  
13 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct  
14 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,  
15 Hitachi America and HEDUS were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.  
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17 152. Between at least 1996 and 2003, Defendant Panasonic (known throughout the  
18 class period as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), through Panasonic Corporation and  
19 Matsushita Malaysia, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Panasonic participated  
20 in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Toshiba, MTPD. These meetings were  
21 attended by high level sales managers from Panasonic and MTPD. Panasonic also engaged in  
22 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, Panasonic  
23 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Panasonic never effectively withdrew from  
24 this conspiracy.  
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26 153. Panasonic NA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the agreements  
27 entered at them. To the extent Panasonic NA sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct  
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1 purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that  
2 the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements  
3 reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Panasonic NA was an active, knowing participant in the  
4 alleged conspiracy.

5         154. Between at least 2003 and 2006, Defendant MTPD participated in multiple Glass  
6 Meetings and in fact led many of these meetings during the latter years of the conspiracy. These  
7 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from MTPD. MTPD also engaged in  
8 bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, MTPD agreed on prices  
9 and supply levels for CRT Products.

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11         155. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant BMCC participated in multiple Glass  
12 Meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from BMCC. BMCC also  
13 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly the other Chinese  
14 CRT manufacturers. Through these discussions, BMCC agreed on prices and supply levels for  
15 CRT Products. None of BMCC's conspiratorial conduct in connection with CRT Products was  
16 mandated by the Chinese government. BMCC was acting to further its own independent private  
17 interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

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19         156. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant IRICO, through IGC, IGE, and  
20 IDDC, participated in multiple Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest-  
21 ranking executives from IRICO. IRICO also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other  
22 Defendants, particularly with other Chinese manufacturers. Through these discussions, IRICO  
23 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. None of IRICO's conspiratorial conduct in  
24 connection with CRT Products was mandated by the Chinese government. IRICO was acting to  
25 further its own independent private interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

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27         157. Between at least 1997 and 2006, Defendant Thai CRT participated in multiple  
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1 Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest-ranking executives from Thai CRT.  
2 Thai CRT also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with  
3 Samtel. Through these discussions, Thai CRT agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT  
4 Products. Thai CRT never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

5 158. Between at least 1998 and 2006, Defendant Samtel participated in multiple  
6 bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Thai CRT. These meetings were  
7 attended by high level executives from Samtel. Through these discussions, Samtel agreed on  
8 prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Samtel never effectively withdrew from this  
9 conspiracy.  
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11 159. Between at least 1996 and 2005, co-conspirator Thomson participated in at least  
12 61 meetings with its competitors, including several Glass Meetings and multiple bilateral  
13 meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Thomson. At these  
14 meetings, Thomson discussed such things as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes,  
15 demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product  
16 development and agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Thomson never  
17 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.  
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19 160. Between 2005 and 2007, co-conspirator Videocon participated in several Glass  
20 Meetings and multiple bilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by  
21 high level sales managers from Videocon. At these meetings, Videocon discussed such things as  
22 CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant  
23 shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply  
24 levels for CRT Products. Videocon never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.  
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26 161. Between at least 1995 and 2005, co-conspirator Mitsubishi participated in multiple  
27 bilateral and some multilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by  
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1 high level sales managers from Mitsubishi. At these meetings, Mitsubishi discussed such things  
2 as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant  
3 shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply  
4 levels for CRT Products. Mitsubishi never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

5 162. When Plaintiff refer to a corporate family or companies by a single name in their  
6 allegations of participation in the conspiracy, Plaintiff are alleging that one or more employees or  
7 agents of entities within the corporate family engaged in conspiratorial meetings on behalf of  
8 every company in that family. In fact, the individual participants in the conspiratorial meetings  
9 and discussions did not always know the corporate affiliation of their counterparts, nor did they  
10 distinguish between the entities within a corporate family. The individual participants entered  
11 into agreements on behalf of, and reported these meetings and discussions to, their respective  
12 corporate families. As a result, the entire corporate family was represented in meetings and  
13 discussions by their agents and were parties to the agreements reached in them.

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16 **E. The CRT Market During The Conspiracy**

17 163. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays,  
18 including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the  
19 sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

20 164. The following data was reported by Stanford Resources, Inc., a market research  
21 firm focused on the global electronic display industry:

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Year	Units Sold (millions)	Revenue (billion US dollars)	Average Selling Price Per Unit
1998	90.5	\$18.9	\$208
1999	106.3	\$19.2	\$181
2000	119.0	\$28.0	\$235

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27 165. During the Class Period, North America was the largest market for CRT TVs and  
28 computer monitors. According to a report published by Fuji Chimera Research, the 1995

1 worldwide market for CRT monitors was 57.8 million units, 28 million of which (48.5 percent)  
2 were consumed in North America. By 2002, North America still consumed around 35 percent of  
3 the world's CRT monitor supply. See, *The Future of Liquid Crystal and Related Display*  
4 *Materials*, Fuji Chimera Research, 1997, p.12.

5 166. Defendants' collusion is evidenced by unusual price movements in the CRT  
6 Product market during the Class Period. In the 1990s, industry analysts repeatedly predicted  
7 declines in consumer prices for CRT Products that did not fully materialize. For example, in  
8 1992, an analyst for Market Intelligent Research Corporation predicted that "[e]conomies of scale,  
9 in conjunction with technological improvements and advances in manufacturing techniques, will  
10 produce a drop in the price of the average electronic display to about \$50 in 1997." Information  
11 Display 9/92 p.19. Despite such predictions, and the existence of economic conditions warranting  
12 a drop in prices, CRT Product prices nonetheless remained stable.

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15 167. In 1996, another industry source noted that "the price of the 14" tube is at a  
16 sustainable USD50 and has been for some years...."

17 168. In early 1999, despite declining production costs and the rapid entry of flat panel  
18 display products, the price of large sized color CRTs actually rose. The price increase was  
19 allegedly based on increasing global demand. In fact, this price increase was a result of the  
20 collusive conduct as herein alleged.

21 169. After experiencing oversupply of 17" CRTs in the second half of 1999, the average  
22 selling price of CRTs rose again in early 2000. A March 13, 2000 article in *Infotech Weekly*  
23 quoted an industry analyst as saying that this price increase was "unlike most other PC-related  
24 products."

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26 170. A BNET Business Network news article from August 1998 reported that "key  
27 components (cathode ray tubes) in computer monitors have risen in price. 'Although several  
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1 manufacturers raised their CRT prices in the beginning of August, additional CRT price increases  
2 are expected for the beginning of October....While computer monitor price increases may be a  
3 necessary course of action, we [CyberVision, a computer monitor manufacturer] do not foresee a  
4 drop in demand if we have to raise our prices relative to CRT price increases.”

5 171. A 2004 article from Techtree.com reports that various computer monitor  
6 manufacturers, including LG Electronics, Philips, and Samsung, were raising the price of their  
7 monitors in response to increases in CRT prices caused by an alleged shortage of glass shells  
8 used to manufacture the tubes. Philips is quoted as saying that, “It is expected that by the end of  
9 September this year [2004] there will be 20% hike in the price of our CRT monitors.”

10 172. Defendants also conspired to limit production of CRTs by shutting down  
11 production lines for days at a time, and closing or consolidating their manufacturing facilities.

12 173. For example, the Defendants’ CRT factory utilization percentage fell from 90  
13 percent in the third quarter of 2000 to 62 percent in the first quarter of 2001. This is the most  
14 dramatic example of a drop in factory utilization. There were sudden drops throughout the Class  
15 Period but to a lesser degree. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that these sudden, coordinated  
16 drops in factory utilization by the Defendants were the result of Defendants’ agreements to  
17 decrease output in order to stabilize the prices of CRT Products.

18 174. During the Class Period, while demand in the United States for CRT Products  
19 continued to decline, Defendants’ conspiracy was effective in moderating the normal downward  
20 pressures on prices for CRT Products caused by the entry and popularity of the new generation  
21 LCD panels and plasma display products. As Finsen Yu, President of Skyworth Macao  
22 Commercial Offshore Co., Ltd., a television maker, was quoted in January of 2007: “[t]he CRT  
23 technology is very mature; prices and technology have become stable.”

24 175. During the Class Period, there were not only periods of unnatural and sustained  
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1 price stability, but there were also increases in prices of CRT Products. These price increases  
2 were despite the declining demand due to the approaching obsolescence of CRT Products caused  
3 by the emergence of a new, potentially superior and clearly more popular, substitutable  
4 technology.

5 176. These price increases and price stability in the market for CRT Products during  
6 the Class Period are inconsistent with a competitive market for a product facing rapidly  
7 decreasing demand caused by a new, substitutable technology.  
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9 **F. International Government Antitrust Investigations**

10 177. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of, and  
11 restrict output for, CRT Products sold in the United States during the Class Period, is  
12 demonstrated by a multinational investigation commenced by the Antitrust Division of the United  
13 States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and others in November 2007.  
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15 178. On November 8, 2007, antitrust authorities in Europe, Japan and South Korea  
16 raided the offices of manufacturers of CRTs as part of an international investigation of alleged  
17 price fixing.

18 179. On February 10, 2009, the DOJ issued a press release announcing that a federal  
19 grand jury in San Francisco had that same day returned a two-count indictment against the former  
20 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Cheng Yuan  
21 Lin, aka C.Y. Lin, for his participation in global conspiracies to fix the prices of two types of  
22 CRTs used in computer monitors and televisions. The press release notes that "[t]his is the first  
23 charge as a result of the Antitrust Division's ongoing investigation into the cathode ray tubes  
24 industry." The press release further notes that Lin had previously been indicted for his  
25 participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCDs. Mr. Lin's indictment states that the  
26 combination and conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs was carried out, in part, in the Northern  
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1 District of California.

2 180. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., the CRT unit of Defendant Panasonic,  
3 has confirmed that it was raided by Japan's Fair Trade Commission.

4 181. *Kyodo News* reported on November 8, 2007, upon information and belief, that MT  
5 Picture Display fixed prices for CRTs with manufacturers in three Asian countries, including  
6 South Korea's Samsung SDI Co.  
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8 182. *Kyodo News* further reported that:

9 Officials of these three companies are believed to have had at least 10 meetings  
10 since 2005 in major Asian cities to coordinate target prices when delivering their  
products to TV manufacturers in Japan and South Korea, the sources said.

11 183. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. was raided by South Korea's Fair Trade  
12 Commission, which has started an investigation into Samsung's CRT business.  
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14 184. The *Asian Shimbun* further reported on November 10, 2007 that "[t]he  
15 representatives held meetings in Southeast Asia where the companies operate CRT factories, the  
16 sources said. The European Commission, the European Union's executive branch, and the U.S.  
17 Justice Department have been investigating four companies' [referring to the four Asian-based  
18 manufacturers—MT Picture Display, Samsung SDI Co., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, LP Displays]  
19 overseas units and are closely consulting with the Fair Trade Commission by sharing  
20 information."  
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22 185. On November 21, 2007, Defendant Royal Philips publicly disclosed that it too is  
23 subject to one or more investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the CRT industry. Royal  
24 Philips spokesman Joon Knapen declined to comment on which jurisdictions have started  
25 investigations. Royal Philips stated that it intended to assist the regulators.  
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27 186. In its 2008 Annual Report, Defendant Toshiba reports that "[t]he Group is also  
28 being investigated by the [European] Commission and/or the U.S. Department of Justice for

1 potential violations of competition laws with respect to semiconductors, LCD products, cathode  
2 ray tubes (CRT) and heavy electrical equipment.”

3 187. On May 6, 2008, the Hungarian Competition Authority (“HCA”) announced its  
4 own investigation into the CRT cartel. The HCA described the cartel as follows:

5 The Hungarian Competition Authority (Gazdasági Versenyhivatal – GVH)  
6 initiated a competition supervision proceeding against the following  
7 undertakings: Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Samsung SDI Germany GmbH,  
8 Samsung SDI Magyarország Zrt., Thomson TDP sp. Z.o.o., LG Philips  
9 Displays Czech Republic s.r.o., LP Displays, Chunghwa Picture Tubes (UK),  
10 Ltd., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Daewoo Orion S.A., Daewoo Electronics  
Global HQ, Daewoo Electronics European HQ, MT Picture Display Germany  
GmbH, Matsushita Global HQ, Matsushita European HQ.

11 Based on the data available, the undertakings mentioned above concerted their  
12 practice regarding the manufacturing and distribution of cathode-ray tubes  
13 (including coloured picture tubes and coloured screen tubes) on the European  
14 market between 1995 and 2007. The anti-competitive behaviour may have  
15 concerned the exchange of sensitive market information (about prices, volumes  
16 sold, demand and the extent to which capacities were exploited), price-fixing,  
the allocation of market shares, consumers and volumes to be sold, the  
limitation of output and coordination concerning the production. The  
undertakings evolved a structural system and functional mechanism of  
cooperation.

17 According to the available evidences it is presumable that the coordination of  
18 European and Asian undertakings regarding to the European market also included  
19 Hungary from 1995 to 2007. The coordination concerning the Hungarian  
20 market allegedly formed part of the European coordination. Samsung SDI  
21 Magyarország was called into the proceeding since it manufactured and  
22 sold cathode-ray tubes in Hungary in the examined period, and it allegedly  
23 participated in the coordination between its parent companies.

24 188. As outlined above, Defendants have a history of competitor contacts resulting from  
25 joint ventures, numerous cross-licensing agreements, and other alliances in related businesses in  
26 the electronics industry.

27 189. Several Defendants also have a history of “cooperation” and anticompetitive  
28 conduct. For example, Defendant Samsung was fined \$300 million by the U.S. Department of  
Justice in October 2005 for participating in a conspiracy to fix the prices of Dynamic Random

1 access Memory (DRAM).

2 190. Defendants Samsung and Toshiba have acknowledged being contacted by the U.S.  
3 Department of Justice as part of an ongoing investigation for fixing prices of Static Random  
4 Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory.

5 191. In December 2006, government authorities in Japan, Korea, the European Union  
6 and the United States revealed a comprehensive investigation into anticompetitive conduct in the  
7 closely-related TFT-LCD market.

8 192. On December 12, 2006, news reports indicated that Defendants Samsung and  
9 Chunghwa, as well as an LCD joint venture between Defendants Philips and LG Electronics, Inc,  
10 LG Display Co., Ltd., were all under investigation for price fixing of TFT-LCDs.

11 193. On November 12, 2008, the DOJ announced that it had reached agreements with  
12 three TFT-LCD manufacturers—LG Display Co., Ltd. (and its U.S. subsidiary, LG Display  
13 America, Inc.), Sharp Corporation, and Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.—to plead  
14 guilty to violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a total of \$585 million  
15 in criminal fines for their roles in a conspiracy to fix prices of TFT-LCD panels.

16 194. On March 10, 2009, the DOJ announced that it had reached an agreement with  
17 Defendant Hitachi Displays, Ltd., a subsidiary of Defendant Hitachi, Ltd., to plead guilty to  
18 violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a \$31 million fine for its role  
19 in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels.

20 195. The indictments of LG Display Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Chunghwa Picture  
21 Tubes, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd., all state that the combination and conspiracy to fix the  
22 prices of TFT-LCDs was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California.

23 **IX. THE PASS-THROUGH OF OVERCHARGES TO CONSUMERS**

24 196. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of CRT  
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1 Products at artificial levels resulted in harm to Plaintiffs and the indirect purchaser consumer  
2 classes alleged herein because it resulted in their paying higher prices for CRT Products than they  
3 would have paid in the absence of Defendants' conspiracy. The entire overcharge at issue was  
4 passed on to Plaintiffs and members of the indirect purchaser classes. As the DOJ acknowledged  
5 in announcing the indictment of defendant Chunghwa's former Chairman and CEO, "This  
6 conspiracy harmed countless Americans who purchased computers and televisions using cathode  
7 ray tubes sold at fixed prices."

9         197. The Defendants identified above that attended the Glass Meetings, monitored the  
10 prices of televisions and computer monitors sold in the U.S. and elsewhere on a regular basis.  
11 The purpose and effect of investigating such retail market data was at least three-fold. First, it  
12 permitted Defendants, such as Chunghwa, which did not manufacture CRT televisions or  
13 computer monitors the way that Samsung, LG, Daewoo, Panasonic, Toshiba, Philips, Hitachi,  
14 Thomson and Mitsubishi did, to police the price fixing agreement to make sure that intra-  
15 defendant CRT sales were kept at supra-competitive levels. Secondly, it permitted all  
16 Defendants to police their price fixing agreement to independent OEMs who would reduce  
17 prices for finished goods if there was a corresponding reduction in CRT prices from a Defendant.  
18 Finally, as discussed above, Defendants used the prices of finished products to analyze whether  
19 they could increase prices or should agree to a "bottom" price instead. The Defendants  
20 concluded that in order to make their CRT price increases stick, they needed to make the increase  
21 high enough that their direct customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify  
22 a corresponding price increase to their customers (for e.g., retailers and computer OEMs). In  
23 this way, Defendants assured that 100% of the supracompetitive overcharges for CRT Products  
24 were passed on to indirect purchaser consumers.

27         198. The indirect purchaser consumer buys CRT Products from either a computer or  
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1 TV OEM such as Dell or Sharp, or a reseller such as Best Buy.

2 199. Because of the breadth of the price-fixing conspiracy here, the direct purchaser  
3 CRT TV and monitor manufacturers were not constrained by their competitors from passing on  
4 the overcharge. Because each of the direct purchaser's competitors were also buying CRTs at  
5 supracompetitive prices from conspiracy members, no direct purchaser faced end-product price  
6 competition from a competitor that was not paying supracompetitive prices for CRTs.  
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8 200. The price of CRT Products is directly correlated to the price of CRTs. The margins  
9 for CRT TV and monitor makers are sufficiently thin that price increases of CRTs force them to  
10 increase the prices of their CRT Products. This means that increases in the price of CRTs lead  
11 to quick corresponding price increases at the OEM level for CRT Products.

12 201. Computer and TV OEMs and retailers of CRT Products are all subject to  
13 vigorous price competition, whether selling CRT TVs or computer monitors. The demand for  
14 CRTs is ultimately determined by purchasers of products containing such products. The market  
15 for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are therefore inextricably linked and cannot be  
16 considered separately. Defendants are well aware of this intimate relationship, and use forecasts  
17 of CRT TVs and computer monitors to predict sales of and determine production levels and  
18 pricing for CRTs.  
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20 202. Computers and televisions are commodities with little or no brand loyalty such  
21 that aggressive pricing causes consumers to switch preferences to different brands. Prices are  
22 closely based on production costs, which are in turn directly determined by component costs, as  
23 assembly costs are minimal. OEMs accordingly use component costs, like the cost of CRTs, as  
24 the starting point for all price calculations. On information and belief, computer and TV OEMs  
25 price their end-products on a "cost-plus" basis. Thus, computer and television prices closely track  
26 increases and decreases in component costs.  
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1           203. The CRT is the most expensive component in the products into which they are  
2 incorporated. On information and belief, the cost of the CRT in a computer monitor is  
3 approximately 60% of the total cost to manufacture the computer monitor. On information and  
4 belief, the cost of the CRT in a television is a slightly smaller percentage of the total  
5 manufacturing cost because a television has more components than a computer monitor, such as  
6 the tuner and speakers.  
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8           204. Economic and legal literature recognizes that the more pricing decisions are based  
9 on cost, the easier it is to determine the pass-through rate. The directness of affected costs refers  
10 to whether an overcharge affects a direct (*i.e.*, variable) cost or an indirect (*i.e.*, overhead) cost.  
11 Overcharges will be passed through sooner and at a higher rate if the overcharges affect direct  
12 costs. Here, CRTs are a direct and substantial cost of CRT Products. Therefore, Plaintiff will be  
13 able to show that the overcharge on the CRTs was passed through to indirect purchasers.  
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15           205. Once a CRT leaves its place of manufacture, it remains essentially unchanged as it  
16 moves through the distribution system. CRTs are identifiable, discreet, physical objects that do  
17 not change form or become an indistinguishable part of the TV or computer monitor in which  
18 they are contained. Thus, CRTs follow a traceable physical chain from the Defendants to the  
19 OEMs to the purchasers of finished products incorporating CRTs.  
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21           206. Moreover, just as CRTs can be physically traced through the supply chain, so can  
22 their price by traced to show that changes in the prices paid by direct purchasers of CRTs affect  
23 prices paid by indirect purchasers of CRT Products. On information and belief, computer and TV  
24 OEMs price their end-products on a “cost-plus” basis.  
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26           207. In retailing, it is common to use a “mark-up rule.” The retail price is set as the  
27 wholesale cost plus a percentage markup designed to recover non-product costs and to provide a  
28 profit. This system guarantees that increases in costs to the retailer will be passed on to end

1 buyers. For example, CDW, a large seller of CRT monitors, uses such a system. A declaration  
2 in the *DRAM* case from CDW's director of pricing details exactly how they calculated selling  
3 prices:

4 In general, CDW employs a "building block" approach to setting its  
5 advertised prices. The first building block is the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS),  
6 which represents the price CDW paid to acquire the  
7 product...CDW...adds a series of positive markups to the cost to CDW to acquire  
8 a given product. These markups are in addition to the pass through effect of  
9 changes in the costs charged to CDW for that product by a given vendor.

10 208. Economic and legal literature has recognized that unlawful overcharges in a  
11 component normally result in higher prices for products containing that price-fixed component.  
12 As Professor Herbert Hovenkamp, a noted antitrust scholar, has stated in his treatise, *FEDERAL  
ANTITRUST POLICY, THE LAW OF COMPETITION AND ITS PRACTICE* (1994) at 624:

13 A monopoly charge at the top of the distribution chain generally results in higher prices  
14 at every level below. For example, if production of aluminum is monopolized or  
15 cartelized, fabricators of aluminum cookware will pay higher prices for aluminum. In  
16 most cases, they will absorb part of these increased costs themselves and will pass part  
17 along to cookware wholesalers. The wholesalers will charge higher prices to the retail  
18 stores will do it once again to retail consumers. Every person at every stage in the chain  
19 will be power as a result of the monopoly price at the top.

20 Theoretically, one can calculate the percentage of any overcharge that a firm at one  
21 distributional level will pass on to those at the next level.

22 209. Similarly, two other antitrust scholars – Professors Robert G. Harris (Professor  
23 Emeritus and former Chair of the Business and Public Policy Group at the Hass School of  
24 Business at the University of California at Berkeley) and the late Lawrence A. Sullivan (Professor  
25 of Law Emeritus at Southwestern School of Law and author of the *Handbook of the Law of  
Antitrust*) – have observed that “in a multiple-level chain of distribution, passing on monopoly  
overcharges is not the exception; it is the rule.”

26 210. As Professor Jeffrey McKie-Mason (Arthur W. Burks Professor for Information  
27 and Computer Science, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, and Associate Dean for  
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1 Academic Affairs in the School of Information at the University of Michigan), an expert who  
2 presented evidence in a number of the indirect purchaser cases involving Microsoft Corporation,  
3 said (in a passage quoted in a judicial decision in that case granting class certification):

4 As is well know in economic theory and practice, at least some of the overcharge will be  
5 passed on by distributors to end consumers. When the distribution markets are highly  
6 competitive, as they are here, all or nearly the entire overcharge will be passed on through  
7 to ultimate consumers . . . . Both of Microsoft's experts also agree upon the economic  
8 phenomenon of cost pass through and how it works in competitive markets. This general  
phenomenon of cost pass through is well established in antitrust laws and economics as well.

9 211. The purpose of Defendants' conspiratorial conduct was to fix, raise, maintain and  
10 stabilize the price of CRTs and, as a direct and foreseeable result, CRT Products. The market for  
11 CRTs and the market for CRT Products are inextricably linked. One exists to serve the other.  
12 Defendants not only knew, but expressly contemplated that prices of CRT Products would  
13 increase as a direct result of their increasing the prices of CRTs.

14 212. Finally, many of the Defendants and/or co-conspirators themselves have been and  
15 are currently manufacturers of CRT TVs and computer monitors. Such manufacturers include,  
16 for example, Samsung, LG, Hitachi, Toshiba, Philips, and Panasonic. Having agreed to fix  
17 prices for CRTs, the major component of the end products they were manufacturing, these  
18 Defendants intended to pass on the full cost of this component in their finished products, and in  
19 fact did so.

20 213. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, Plaintiff and other  
21 indirect purchasers have been forced to pay supra-competitive prices for CRT Products. These  
22 inflated prices have been passed on to them by direct purchaser manufacturers, distributors and  
23 retailers.

## 24 **X. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

25 214. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and as a class action pursuant to the  
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1 provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all members of the  
2 following class (the “Nationwide Class”):

3 All persons and or entities who or which indirectly purchased in the Commonwealth  
4 of Massachusetts for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured  
5 and/or sold by the Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at  
6 any time during the period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November  
7 25, 2007. Specifically excluded from this Class are the Defendants; the officers,  
8 directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a  
9 controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any  
10 Defendant. Also excluded are named co-conspirators, any federal, state or local  
11 government entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of  
12 his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

13 215. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action pursuant  
14 to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or the respective state  
15 statute – Massachusetts General Laws 93A, on behalf of all members of the following State  
16 class or subclass (collectively “Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser State Class”):

17 216. Each of the Indirect Purchaser State Classes is defined as follows:

18 All persons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts who or which indirectly purchased  
19 for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by the  
20 Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at any time during the  
21 period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

22 Specifically excluded from these Classes are the Defendants; the officers, directors  
23 or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling  
24 interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any Defendant. Also  
25 excluded are named co-conspirators, any federal, state or local government entities,  
26 any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate  
27 family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

28 217. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action  
pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the following reasons:

- a. Members of the proposed Massachusetts Class are ascertainable and  
there is a well defined community of interest among members of the  
Classes;

1           b.       Based upon the nature of trade and commerce involved and the  
2           number of indirect purchasers of CRT Products, Plaintiffs believe that the  
3           number of Class members is very large, and therefore joinder of all Class  
4           members is not practicable;

5           c.       Plaintiffs' claims are typical of Class members' claims because  
6           Plaintiffs indirectly purchased CRT Products manufactured by Defendants  
7           or their co-conspirators, and therefore Plaintiffs' claims arise from the same  
8           common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the members of the  
9           Classes and the relief sought is common to the Classes;  
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11          d.       The following common questions of law or fact, among others, exist  
12          as to the members of the Classes:

13                  i. Whether Defendants formed and operated a combination or  
14                  conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of CRT  
15                  Products;  
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17                  ii.       Whether the combination or conspiracy caused CRT Product  
18                  prices to be higher than they would have been in the absence of  
19                  Defendants' conduct;

20                  iii.       The operative time period of Defendants' combination or  
21                  conspiracy.  
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23                  iv.       Whether Defendants' conduct caused injury to the business or  
24                  property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;

25                  v.       The appropriate measure of the amount of damages suffered  
26                  by the Classes;

27                  vi.       Whether Defendants' conduct violates Section 1 of the  
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1 Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1) as alleged in the First Claim for Relief;

2 vii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the Indirect Purchaser  
3 States' antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for Relief;

4 viii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the unfair competition  
5 and consumer protection laws of the Consumer Protection States as  
6 alleged in the Third Claim for Relief;  
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8 ix. The appropriate nature of class-wide equitable relief.

9 e. These and other questions of law and fact common to the members  
10 of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including  
11 legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages;

12 f. After determination of the predominant common issues identified  
13 above, if necessary or appropriate, the Classes can be divided into logical and manageable  
14 subclasses;  
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16 g. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes  
17 in that Plaintiffs have no interests that are antagonistic to other members of the Classes and have  
18 retained counsel competent and experienced in the prosecution of class actions and antitrust  
19 litigation to represent them and the Classes;

20 h. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and  
21 efficient adjudication of this litigation since individual joinder of all damaged Class members is  
22 impractical. The damages suffered by the individual Class members are relatively small, given  
23 the expense and burden of individual prosecution of the claims asserted in this litigation. Thus,  
24 absent the availability of class action procedures it would not be feasible for Class members to  
25 redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the Class members could afford individual litigation,  
26 the court system could not. Further, individual litigation presents the potential for inconsistent or  
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1 contradictory judgments and would greatly magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the  
2 court system. Therefore, the class action device presents far fewer case management difficulties  
3 and will provide the benefits of unitary adjudication, economy of scale and comprehensive  
4 supervision in a single court;

5 i. Defendants have acted, and/or refused to act, on grounds generally  
6 applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the  
7 Classes as a whole; and

8 j. In the absence of a class action, Defendants would be unjustly  
9 enriched because they would be able to retain the benefits and fruits of its wrongful conduct.  
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## 11 **XI. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED**

### 12 **A. First Claim for Relief: Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act**

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14 218. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every  
15 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

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17 219. Beginning at a time unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995,  
18 through at least November 25, 2007, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs and exclusively  
19 within the knowledge of Defendants, Defendants and their co-conspirators, entered into a  
20 continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy to unreasonably restrain trade and  
21 commerce in the United States, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1.  
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23 220. In particular, Defendants have combined and conspired to fix, raise, maintain or  
24 stabilize the prices of CRT Products sold in the United States.

25 221. Defendants, by their unlawful conspiracy, artificially raised, inflated and  
26 maintained the market prices of CRT Products as herein alleged.

27 222. The contract, combination or conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement,  
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1 understanding and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial  
2 terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of CRT Products they sold in  
3 the United States and elsewhere.

4 223. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding, and  
5 conspiracy, the Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and  
6 conspired to do, including, but not limited to the acts, practices, and course of conduct set forth  
7 above, and the following, among others:  
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9 a. Participated in meetings and conversations to discuss the prices and  
10 supply of CRT Products in the United States and elsewhere;

11 b. Agreed to manipulate prices and limit supply of CRT Products sold in the  
12 United States and elsewhere in a manner that deprived direct and indirect  
13 purchasers of CRT Products of free and open competition;

14 c. Issued price announcements and price quotations in accordance with the  
15 agreements reached;

16 d. Sold CRT Products to customers in the United States at non-competitive prices;  
17 and  
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19 e. Invoiced customers in the United States at the agreed-upon, fixed prices for  
20 CRT Products and transmitting such invoices via U.S. mail and other interstate  
21 means of delivery.  
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23 224. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had the following effects,  
24 among others:

25 a. Price competition in the sale of CRT Products has been restrained,  
26 suppressed and/or eliminated in the United States;

27 b. Prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have  
28 been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-  
competitive levels throughout the United States; and

1 c. Those who purchased CRT Products directly or indirectly from  
2 Defendants have been deprived the benefits of free and open competition.

3 225. As a direct result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators  
4 in furtherance of their continuing contract, combination or conspiracy, Plaintiffs and the members  
5 of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and  
6 property by paying more for CRT Products purchased indirectly from the Defendants and their  
7 co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the combination and  
8 conspiracy.  
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10 226. These violations are continuing and will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

11 227. Pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, Plaintiffs and the  
12 Nationwide Class seek the issuance of an injunction against Defendants, preventing and  
13 restraining the violations alleged herein.  
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15 **B. Second Claim For Relief: Violation of MGL 93A – the Massachusetts**  
16 **Consumer Protection Statute**

17 228. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the  
18 preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

19 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by  
20 affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-  
21 competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or  
22 obtained in Massachusetts.  
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24 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT  
25 Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout  
26 Massachusetts; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and  
27 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout  
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Massachusetts; (3) Plaintiff paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Massachusetts commerce.

d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs have been economically injured and are threatened with further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws 93A.

Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks all forms of relief available under Mass. Gen. Law 93A.

**C. Third Claim for Relief: Violation of MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute**

229. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

230. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition statutes listed below.

231. Plaintiff incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint, and further allege as follows:

a. Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiff, but at least as early as March 1, 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up through and including November 25, 2007, Defendants committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition, as defined by MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute, by engaging in the acts and practices specified above.

1 b. This claim is instituted pursuant to MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer  
2 Protection Statute, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged  
3 herein because they are violative of Massachusetts law and entitle the Plaintiffs to  
4 up to treble damages plus attorney fees and costs.

5 c. The Defendants’ conduct as alleged herein violated MGL 93A. The acts,  
6 omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as  
7 alleged herein, constituted a common continuous and continuing course of conduct  
8 of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business acts  
9 or practices.

10 d. Defendants’ acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-  
11 disclosures, as described above, whether or not concerted or independent acts, are  
12 otherwise unfair, deceptive, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.

13 e. Defendants’ act and practices are unfair to consumers of CRT Products in the  
14 Commonwealth of Massachusetts and throughout the United States, within the  
15 meaning of MGL 93A.

16 f. Plaintiffs and each of the absent Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class  
17 members are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues,  
18 earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by  
19 Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.

20 g. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication  
21 that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.

22 h. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them,  
23 as described above, have caused and continue to cause the Plaintiff and the  
24 members of the Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class to pay supra-competitive  
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1 and artificially-inflated prices for CRT Products. The Massachusetts Plaintiff and  
2 the members of the Class suffered injury in fact economic loss as a result of such  
3 unfair competition.

4 i. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates MGL 93A –  
5 the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute.

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7 j. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have  
8 been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by  
9 Defendants' unfair competition. The Plaintiff and the members of the  
10 Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief  
11 including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits,  
12 compensation and benefits which may have been obtained by Defendants as a  
13 result of such business practices, pursuant to MGL 93A – the Massachusetts  
14 Consumer Protection Statute.  
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16 **D. Fourth Claim for Relief: Unjust Enrichment and Disgorgement of Profits**

17 232. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each and every  
18 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

19 233. Defendants have been unjustly enriched through overpayments by Plaintiff and the  
20 Class members and the resulting profits.  
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22 234. Under common law principles of unjust enrichment, Defendants should not be  
23 permitted to retain the benefits conferred via overpayments by Plaintiffs and class members in  
24 Massachusetts.

25 235. Plaintiffs and class members in each of the states listed above seek disgorgement  
26 of all profits resulting from such overpayments and establishment of a constructive trust from  
27 which Plaintiff and the Class members may seek restitution.  
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1 **XII. FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

2 236. Throughout the relevant period, Defendants affirmatively and fraudulently  
3 concealed their unlawful conduct against Plaintiff and the Classes.  
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5 237. Plaintiff and the members of the Massachusetts Class did not discover, and could  
6 not discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence, that Defendants were violating the law  
7 as alleged herein until shortly before this litigation was commenced. Nor could Plaintiff and the  
8 Massachusetts Class members have discovered the violations earlier than that time because  
9 Defendants conducted their conspiracy in secret, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct  
10 and acts in furtherance thereof, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various other  
11 means and methods designed to avoid detection. In addition, the conspiracy was by its nature  
12 self-concealing.  
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14 238. Defendants engaged in a successful, illegal price-fixing conspiracy with respect to  
15 CRT Products, which they affirmatively concealed, in at least the following respects:  
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- 17 a. By agreeing among themselves not to discuss publicly, or otherwise  
18 reveal, the nature and substance of the acts and communications in  
19 furtherance of their illegal scheme, and by agreeing to expel those who failed  
20 to do so;
- 21 b. By agreeing among themselves to limit the number of representatives  
22 from each Defendant attending the meetings so as to avoid detection;
- 23 c. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from listing the individual  
24 representatives of the Defendants in attendance at meetings in any meeting  
25 report;
- 26 d. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from taking meeting  
27 minutes or taking any kind of written notes during the meetings;  
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- 1 e. By giving false and pretextual reasons for their CRT Product price  
2 increases during the relevant period and by describing such pricing falsely as  
3 being the result of external costs rather than collusion;
- 4 f. By agreeing among themselves on what to tell their customers about  
5 price changes, and agreeing upon which attendee would communicate the  
6 price change to which customer;
- 7 g. By agreeing among themselves to quote higher prices to certain  
8 customers than the fixed price in effect to give the appearance that the price  
9 was not fixed;
- 10 h. By agreeing among themselves upon the content of public statements  
11 regarding capacity and supply;
- 12 i. By agreeing among themselves to eliminate references in expense  
13 reports which might reveal the existence of their unlawful meetings; and
- 14 j. By agreeing on other means to avoid detection of their illegal  
15 conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products.

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18 239. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment of their conspiracy, Plaintiff  
19 and the Classes assert the tolling of any applicable statute of limitations affecting the rights of  
20 action of Plaintiff and the members of the Classes.  
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### 22 **XIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

23 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

24 A. That the Court determine that the claims alleged herein under the Sherman  
25 Act, state antitrust laws, state consumer protection and/or unfair competition laws may be  
26 maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
27 Procedure, as informed by the respective state class action laws;  
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1           B.       That the Court adjudge and decree that the unlawful conduct, contract,  
2 combination and conspiracy alleged herein constitutes:

3           a.   A violation of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1, as alleged in the First Claim for  
4 Relief;

5           b.   Violation of the MGL 93A – the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Statute  
6 in the Second and Third Claims for Relief;

7           c.   Acts of unjust enrichment as set forth in the Fourth Claim for Relief herein.  
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9           C.       That Plaintiffs and the Massachusetts Indirect Purchaser State Classes  
10 recover damages, as provided by the state antitrust, consumer protection, and unfair competition  
11 laws alleged herein, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the putative  
12 Massachusetts Class be entered against the Defendants in an amount to be trebled plus attorney  
13 fees, interest and costs in accordance with such law;  
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15           D.       That Defendants, their co-conspirators, successors, transferees, assigns,  
16 parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and the officers, directors, partners, agents and employees  
17 thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on behalf of Defendants, or in concert  
18 with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, directly or indirectly,  
19 continuing, maintaining or renewing the combinations, conspiracy, agreement, understanding  
20 or concert of action, or adopting or following any practice, plan, program or design having a  
21 similar purpose or effect in restraining competition;  
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23           E.       That Plaintiffs and the Classes be awarded restitution, including  
24 disgorgement of profits obtained by Defendants as a result of its acts of unfair competition  
25 and acts of unjust enrichment;

26           F.       That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent pre-  
27 judgment and post-judgment interest as permitted by law;  
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G. That Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by law; and

H. That the Court award Plaintiff and the Classes they represent such other and further relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

#### XIV. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all of the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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